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1 BUT, FOR INSTANCE, HE, I BELIEVE, TALKED ABOUT GETTING SOME  
2 CHAIRS, A TRUCK TO DELIVER CHAIRS, CHAIRS THAT WE FOUND OUT IN  
3 THE EVIDENCE THAT HE NEVER USED THE TRUCK TO RETURN, AND I  
4 BELIEVE THAT WAS A DEVICE TO GIVE THE IMPRESSION THAT HE USED  
5 THE TRUCK TO BE AT A CERTAIN LOCATION, WHEN HE NEVER ACTUALLY  
6 ATTENDED OR WAS PRESENT AT THAT LOCATION.

7 Q ANYTHING ELSE?

8 A NOT THAT I CAN RECALL JUST IMMEDIATELY.

Bruce  
Merrick

9 Q YOU STATED IN YOUR DIRECT THAT ONE OF THE REASONS YOU  
10 DISMISSED THE CHARGE IN 1998 -- BY THE WAY, WHEN WAS THE CHARGE  
11 DISMISSED?

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12 A IT WAS IN 1998.

13 Q WHEN IN 1998?

14 A I DON'T KNOW THE EXACT DATE.

15 Q WHEN YOU MADE THAT DECISION, YOU SAID IT WAS BECAUSE  
16 WE BELIEVED CERTAIN THINGS WERE TRUE, BUT THEY TURNED OUT NOT  
17 TO BE CORRECT. WHAT WERE YOU REFERRING TO?

18 A WHAT I WAS REFERRING TO IS IT WAS EXPLAINED TO ME  
19 THAT ONE OF THE REASONS THAT THE POLICE ARRESTED SCOTT DAVIS  
20 WAS BECAUSE HE HAD MENTIONED TO HIS EX-WIFE THAT DAVID COFFIN  
21 WAS SHOT IN THE HEAD, AND THAT THE INFORMATION HAD BEEN  
22 REVEALED TO HIS EX-WIFE BEFORE IT WAS DISCOVERED BY THE MEDICAL  
23 EXAMINER AND THE POLICE DEPARTMENT. SO THE THEORY WAS THAT THE  
24 ONLY REASON THAT SCOTT DAVIS WOULD KNOW THAT IS THAT HE HAD  
5 BEEN THE KILLER HIMSELF. I FOUND OUT THAT MEGAN DAVIS

1           INDICATED THAT SHE MIGHT HAVE IN FACT MADE THAT STATEMENT TO  
2           SCOTT DAVIS, AND SO, THEREFORE, I CONCLUDED THAT THAT WAS NOT  
3           THE PILLOW OF EVIDENCE THAT IT MIGHT AT ONE TIME HAVE BEEN  
4           THOUGHT TO BE.

5           Q       AND YOU LEARNED THIS FROM WHO?

6           A       JOE BURFORD, I BELIEVE.

7           Q       AFTER MR. BURFORD OR SOMEONE INTERVIEWED MEGAN DAVIS?

8           A       THAT'S CORRECT.

9           Q       AND APPARENTLY HE BELIEVED THAT SHE TOLD HIM?

10          A       AT LEAST I BELIEVED IT TO THE EXTENT IT CERTAINLY  
11          WOULD ELIMINATE THIS THEORY THAT THE ONLY WAY HE COULD HAVE  
12          REPEATED THAT IS BY BEING A PARTICIPANT IN THE KILLING.

13          Q       FROM THE TIME OF THE DISMISSAL IN 1998 TO YOUR  
14          SUGGESTION OF THE REWARD IN 1999, WHAT, IF ANY, ACTION DID YOUR  
15          OFFICE TAKE IN PURSUING THE CASE AGAINST SCOTT DAVIS?

16          A       WE CONTINUED TO HAVE DISCUSSIONS, TO LOOK AT, REVIEW  
17          THE STATEMENTS OF WITNESSES, AND CONTINUED TO TRY TO DETERMINE  
18          SOME AVENUE THAT WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO DISCOVER OR CONCLUDE WHO  
19          WAS RESPONSIBLE BY THE GREAT WEIGHT OF THE EVIDENCE IN THIS  
20          CASE.

21          Q       YOU HAD DISCUSSIONS?

22          A       YES.

23          Q       THAT'S IT, JUST DISCUSSIONS?

24          A       NO. WE REVIEWED STATEMENTS, THE STATEMENTS OF THE  
5          WITNESSES, EXAMINING THE EVIDENCE THAT HAD BEEN COLLECTED,